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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING**

RE: Earth Energy Resources, PR Springs Mine/Tar Sands Project Docket M047-0090

Dear UDOGM,

I am writing to request that you hold off on approving this project until Grand County has been officially notified and had a reasonable amount of time to respond.

This project could have negative impacts on a myriad of issues in Grand County including but not limited to potential impacts on air quality, surface and ground water quality, open water threats to wildlife, transportation/traffic issues from the Grand County side, cumulative effects especially for air quality as they relate to activities on-going in Grand and Uintah counties.

Does the state have supporting information to assure what the tars sands processing involves and whether the processed sands are suitable for using as backfill of the pit?

Phase II of the project proposal is only presented in conceptual form. Passage of time will render baseline data and other contextual conditions, used to conduct impact analysis, obsolete. Please conduct thorough analysis of Phase II when EER is ready to proceed with it. The public should be afforded the opportunity to comment on Phase II of the project prior to Phase II initiation.

At the very least, hard copies of the NOI and supporting information should be provided to Grand County. This will provide access to all interested people in the community.

Sincerely,



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